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O DOCTOR OPTIME!

Father Basil Regan

Regan, for the records Herbert Basil, but never ever Herbie or Bert or Bertie or any other such derivative. Father Regan to his students, he was to all others, friends, confreres, clergy, laity just plain "Bas". If our School on Bathurst Street can be said to owe its existence and survival to one man, that one man has to be Fr. Bas. Regan, CSB.

As Catholic families in Toronto go, the Regans were a triple threat family who gave to the Basilian Order Bas, Barney and Oscar, as if in competition with the four threat Mallons; Hugh, Paul, Greg and Frank.

Our Father Regan was educated at St. Joseph's Separate School then to St. Michael's-on-Cloverhill, Class of 1929. After his BA (Toronto) in 1934, he was ordained in 1937. He began a 20 year career of teaching and administration at SMCS that same year.

He loved the lovely Latin (Chesterton's expression) and taught it superbly. No other word. I know. I was one of his students. Every class began with a rapid fire review of verb-forms: "You, O'Brien, first-plural-pluperfect-subjunctive-active-tango-tangere...(1/2 second pause) too late! you, Murphy!"

"Tetigissemus!" Instantaneous. And people wondered why we all hated that little wizard Murphy.

Fr. Regan became principal of the College School in 1940, a simple task requiring the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, nerves of steel and the stamina of a plough-horse. After all, the years of World War II, the 5 after it... in a fire-trap of a building bursting at the seams with increase of students.

Only the mercy of God kept the plant from going up in flames at any time, any day, any night.

Ten years of this kind of stress is enough for anybody, but Fr. Regan accepted to be founding principal (and Superior of the local Basilian community) up on Bathurst Street for another 8 years! We're in the 50's and crisis is the name of the game, with a new big school being pulled apart in x different directions from within, assaulted from y points of the compass without. And who sits at the desk where the buck stops? Fr. Bas Regan... and nary a complaint out of him...

The wonder, the real wonder of it all is that Fr. Regan managed to stay sane. No Wonder, of course, that this man, naturally reserved , became somewhat of the loner, distant and inaccessible even to us who lived with him.

Here's why I make a point of it.

In 1958, richly deserving a sabbatical, a long quiet sabbatical, Bas stepped down from St. Michael's and took on the job of founding principal at our new high-school in Ottawa. (must be true what they say of religious life: no career of devoted self-sacrifice goes unpunished...)

A massive heart attack floored him one morning just before his first Class of "Niners". A Holy Cross sister heard the commotion and rushed in to Fr. Regan's room. He died in her arms. Age 46.

"Was he the distant and rather difficult Regan up in Ottawa that we knew down here?" I asked my confrere from Ottawa.

"Judge for yourself. Sister told the boys that Fr. Regan was dead. They all began to weep."

Walk softly, students, in the basement of St. Michael's. Bas Regan's heart is in the foundation...

Fr. William O'Brien, CSB
SMCS Class of 1940

DON GOUDY

Don Goudy

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of Donald E. Goudy '43, our editor. Don has been an active member of the Alumni Executive since the mid 1950's. He has served a number of presidents and also was chairman of the Golden Grads Dinner in 1994 for the Classes of 1943-45.

Upon graduation in 1943, Don enlisted in the Canadian Army and was shipped overseas. He served his country until the conclusion of the war and returned to Canada to complete his university education. He then began work with the Toronto Star and eventually became assistant editor of Help Wanted, The Star's consumer protection column and the predecessor of the now defunct Star Probe of which Don became the editor in 1971. After spending over a quarter of a century with The Star, Don became the Registrar of the Consumer Protection Bureau of the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations in 1973. Don retired from this position in 1991.

Over his life, Don has been active in a number of fraternal organizations and charitable associations. In 1976, he was elected Grand Knight of the North York Knights of Columbus Council 4393. In 1992, he became District Deputy of six Councils. During his term as D.D., Don formed three new Councils. In addition to his Knights of Columbus work, Don also served as president of the North York Retired Businessmen's Association and was a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

Don's enthusiasm for St. Michael's never diminished throughout his life. He was always grateful to the Basilian Fathers for giving him a St. Michael's education. Don donated many hours to assure the continuance of St. Michael's and the ideals of the Basilian Community.

The St. Michael's College School Alumni Association ,in particular, the Building Fund Board of Directors and Committees and the entire St. Michael's family wishes to offer our sincere sympathy to Don's wife Margaret, their children and their families. Don was one of our most reliable, tireless and selfless volunteers. We will miss his presence. Sleep well Don. You've surely earned it.

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COMING EVENTS

Turkey Roll - December 6/97
Annual General Meeting- January 15/97
Parents Guild/Alumni Dance
Feb 15/97 at Montecassino Place

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumnus

During the past three years, we have witnessed a major renaissance at St. Michael's under the energetic and dedicated leadership of our Principal Father Thomas Mohan C.S.B . Here is a dossier of some of the more significant events where the Alumni body has been invited to be instrumental participants in many of the new committees, activities and school functions that are now becoming "new order" activities. All of these changes are bringing us into the 21st Century better prepared to meet the challenges that are now confronting us at St Michael's. For those Alumni who are giving their time and talents unselfishly, you are the catalysts that are allowing this to happen. I would like to highlight some of these changes for you.

Building Fund

You are all familiar with the timeless efforts being put forth in the School by the Building Fund Committee. This body is responsible for raising funds to permit the re-building and expansion of St. Michael's with 21st Century technology and an enhanced student roster.

The Order of St. Michael

The Order of St Michael held at Le Parc, Markham on May 10, 1996 (with over 600 attending) will become an annual event devoted to honoring worthy St. Michael's recipients- Alumni and others, male or female. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed, recognizing the individual's contribution or exemplary life on behalf of St. Michaelís. This year's recipients are duly noted elsewhere. Congratulations are extended to each one of you.

The Alumni Celebrity Golf Tournament

This was our inaugural combined Alumni-Celebrity Golf Tournament. It was held on May 28, 1996 at Silver Lakes Golf and Country Club in Markham. Former hockey greats and others who attended include Frank Mahovlich, Red Kelly, Dick Duff, Henri Richard, Gus Mortson, Les Duff and Russ Howard. This will be an annual event with proceeds going to the Building Fund over the next four years.

The New Advisory Board of St. Michael's College School

The most significant change made this year was the formation of the new Advisory Board at St. Michael's by Father Thomas Mohan. It consists of local lay membership together with Basilians and Diocesan representation. This Board replaces the former Basilian Fathers Committee. Membership on this Board will consist of Alumni representation, the Parent's Guild, the Basilian Fathers and a Diocesan representative. This Board will be responsible for the program at St. Michael's, establishment of the budget and hiring staff. Alumni representation on this Board includes the writer and Mr. Paul Grossi, former Past President.

In conclusion, I would like to thank and extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to those Alumni who are generously giving their time and talents unselfishly to St. Michael's. Without your involvement, none of the above would be possible nor would they have occurred. To those who want to be an instrumental part of this "new renaissance", you only need to come forward and get involved. The demand is great but the harvest of labour is few!

Yours Sincerely,

John U. Bonvivere '51
President

20th ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The sun shone brightly on the 132 golfing Alumni and their friends who participated in the 20th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament held at Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club on Tuesday, May 28th, 1996 This year, thanks to the endless efforts of Dick Duff and his Tournament Committee, this event raised more than $14,000.00 for the Building Fund . Our special thanks go out to Len Sanci of Oak-land Lincoln Mercury for supplying the automobile for our Hole-In-One contest, to Howard Moran and General Accident Assurance Company for picking up the tab for dinner and to Paul & Basil Policaro of Acura 2000 for covering the costs of the electric carts. This year our tournament was blessed with several well known sports celebrities from the ranks of our Alumni and friends. I wish to thank Frank Mahovlich, Red Kelly, Gus Mortson (drove from Timmins to be with us), Russ Howard (the curler) and Dick's good friend from Montreal - Henri Richard for helping to make this year's tournament one of our very best. We hope that everyone enjoyed the lovely golf course, an excellent meal and good fellowship. If you didn't make it out this year, plan to come next May. If you joined us this year we hope you will return again next year.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Alumni:

St. Michael's is now in its 145th year. The spirit of the founding Basilians urges us. Those men were both religious and scholars. They had a vision of life which synthesized faith and culture, religion and academics, school and athletics. They wanted students to be whole men, fearful of the God who gave them life and sensitive to the needs of their neighbour. St. Michael's will continue to teach that vision under the title of "Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge".

New students and those who have been here for a number of years are walking the halls excited with the prospect of being in high school or being one of "The Old Boys." Regardless, they are the modern men of St. Michael's and they enliven this yellow-bricked building with their enthusiasm and hope and provide us the opportunity of passing on the values which we received from our teachers. It is good to have the school in session. We have had enough of summer silence.

The arena has been renewed: a new roof, new compressors and a new Zamboni. The old roof would not have lasted another winter, the freezing equipment dated from the late fifties and the old Zamboni demanded replacement. I hope you approve. I am carrying the cost of these repairs as a charge to operations. I want to reserve the monies in the Building Fund for the upgrading of the classroom building and for the additional classrooms and the replacement of the Science Laboratories. The deficit caused by the arena repairs, I will gradually reduce over the next three years. God Bless Michael Duffy and the "Building Fund" group of Alumni. They were deeply involved in all the repairs to the arena and the plans to retire the debt.

I am sure that you have heard that the Toronto St. Michael's Majors were awarded an OHL franchise. They begin playing September 1997. Obviously, it was a major decision to return to Senior level hockey. St. Mike's dropped out of the League after winning the Memorial Cup in 1961 because the number of games and the travel were not compatible with a scholastic timetable. We are determined and are taking steps to assure that this team will have the opportunity of combining hockey and academics. It is our object to bring the St. Michael's message to the youth of Toronto and their families through the Majors.

St. Michael's mourned the death of Don Goudy during August. Don had a great love of St. Michael's and donated many hours to assure the continuance of St. Michael's and the ideals of the Basilian Community. Don has been and will be remembered in the prayers of the Basilian Fathers. May his soul and the souls of all deceased Alumni rest in the Peace of the Father.

Alumni should remember that the Basilian Community prays for them. I offer Mass regularly for the living and the deceased Alumni.

Finally, be assured, that St. Michael's continues the dedication of the Basilian Fathers. It was the great Fr. Henry Carr who said that: the Basilians do not operate their schools for reasons of finance. Rather, the schools offer the opportunity of practicing the Charity of the Basilian Community among the students and staff of the school. The present Holy Father in His Encyclical, Lay Catholics in Schools, Witness to Faith lays a similar obligation on lay teachers. He asks that the charity of their home, their personal life, their life within their parish churches be the charity that is expressed in their Catholic School Communities. In a real sense, those laity and Alumni who work for St. Michaelís are doing the work of the Basilians. At another time, we must discuss the inevitable spiritual life which follows such dedication.

In Christ,

T.F. Mohan, C.S.B.
Principal

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

Since the start of our Building Fund Campaign, most of what we have talked about has been ideas, thoughts and theories, of what our shared vision for St. Michael's in the twenty-first century will be.
Many have expressed their feelings and desires for the renovated, updated, renewed and expanded St. Michaelís. These views were expressed privately and in public forums such as "The Friends of St. Michael's" meetings in November and December of 1995.
Each day, Alumni are committing donations and pledges to The Building Fund. If you haven't made your decision to join this worthwhile work, I urge you to do so soon.

This past School year, several St. Michael's fundraising projects directed their proceeds to The Building Fund: The Parent Guild Fashion Show, The Parent Guild Dinner/Dance, The Alumni Silent Auction, The Alumni Golf Tournament and The Order of St. Michael Dinner. Our gratitude to the hardworking Parents, Staff, Alumni and Friends. Thanks to all who participated.

The 1996-1997 School Calendar will repeat last year's fundraising events plus others to be announced during the school calendar year.

Finally, we will soon have a Planned Giving Program for St. Michael's. A series of pamphlets and seminars on Bequeths, Wills, Life Insurance and the donation of other assets you may wish to pass on to St. Michael's will commence in November. Seminar #1- Planning Your Will and Planned Giving" will be held at the school on Wednesday, November 6th, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. (see page 5 for more details). Similar Seminars on parallel topics will be offered during the upcoming year. Remember St. Michael's when you are concidering making or amending your will. Let your legacy be a part of the renewed St. Michael's.

The Building Fund Campaign is a vehicle that renovates, updates, renews and expands our commitment to St. Michael's and what it has meant and means to us personally. St. Michael's needs every St. Michael's family members support now more than ever. An investment in St. Michael's today is an investment in our youth for the next one hundred years. It is an investment in families for the next hundred years. It is an investment in insurance. Insurance to ensure our values and traditions. Catholic values and traditions, are protected for the next hundred years. It is an investment in ourselves. It is our opportunity to ensure our education remains credible. If St. Michael's is allowed to slip or die, part of us will slip or die because we have lost our living reference to where we came from.

The Building Fund Campaign has Two Million Dollars in donations and pledges of its Twelve Million Dollar Goal. We would like to begin the expansion phase in the Fall of 1997. To achieve this time line, we will need Five Million Dollars in donations and pledges. We can do it if each of us commits what we can afford, raises what we can, supports those events we are able and keep an attitude of gratitude for what we have received from this great Catholic Institution.

Michael F. Duffy
President- St. Michael's Building Fund

THE INAUGURAL ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL DINNER

Six hundred guests filled the main banquet room of Le Parc in Markham last 10th of May to attend the First Annual Order of St. Michael Dinner.

Dr. Michael Higgins presided over the inaugural ceremonies of the Order as Dan Prendergast read the induction of Fr. Norman Fitzpatrick, C.S.B., Dennis Mills, Frank Mahovlich and Raffaele Montemurro.

The occasion was honoured by the presence of many dignitaries and special guests notably the Very Reverend Robert Barringer, C.S.B., Superior General of the Congregation of St. Basil, Senator Con Di Nino, The Hon. John Nunziata, MP, Michael Colle, MPP, Robert Grossi, Mayor of Georgina, Metro Chairman Alan Tonks, Madame Mayor of the City of York Frances Nunziata, Councillor Joe Mihevc, Councillor Michael McDonald, Mr. Ed Cogan, Mr. Dennis Jewitt, Councillor Caroline DiGiovanni, and Rev. Frank Mallon, C.S.B., (SMCS, class of '23), the oldest living alumnus of the school.

The Advisory Board of St. Michael's was present in the persons of John Bonvivere, Paul Grossi, Teresa Ardanaz and Alice Murphy.

Father Norman Fitzpatrick's teaching career began in 1952, a long service that saw "Fitz" head up the French Department, produce many plays of professional calibre, then preside over the destiny of St. Michael's through its first difficult years as a fully independent private school.

Raffaele Montemurro immigrated to Canada from his native Italy in 1952 and set out to make his mark in construction in and around Toronto, eventually becoming President of Medi Group Masonry. Raffaele, or "Ralph" as he is presently known, sent his four sons Dominic, Enzo, Ralph and Marco to St. Michael's, taking a lively and generous interest in all that went on there. He has won the admiration and affection of all for his participation in projects such as repairs and construction at the school, gathering food and clothing for the poor and raising funds for academic needs.

Alumnus (Class of '64) of St. Michael's, Dennis Mills joined his father Alfred as Executive Vice President of the Chairman Mills Company. His career in politics has seen him Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Multiculturalism, Senior Communications Advisor to Prime Minister Trudeau, and member of Parliament for the riding of Broadview Greenwood. Less well known is the work Dennis has done for the United Way of York Region, the Youth Network, and for "Our World", the Summit on the Environment. His induction into the Order of St. Michael recalls the important role Dennis Mills played in the successful negotiation of the recent property dispute.

No respectable history of contemporary hockey fails to devote a long chapter to the career of Frank Mahovlich. As a teenager, he came down from Schumacher to play on the Majors team at St. Michael's, won the OHA League MVP award, then the Calder Award Trophy as the top rookie of the year, his first with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Frank is name is attached to 5 Stanley Cup teams in the 1960's. Not only is he a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame but also of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and, as of 1994, of the Order of Canada. In recognition of Frank's many contributions to philanthropic causes such as the Kidney Foundation of Canada, St. Michael's Hospital and the Easter Seal Society (to name but some of them), his school signals its admiration and affection for the Big "M", a most worthy and well deserving Alumnus.

An impressive service to splendid evening was rendered by a corps of OAC student ushers: Brian Bannon, Steve Ferretti, Peter Ferguson, Adam Maxwell-Smith, James Pencharz, Vince Racco, Brad Schmidt, Chris Tonks and John Naughton.

FATHER MULCAHY HONOURED

August 15th, 1996. The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, a great feast in the Church Year, was an important day at St. Michael's College School when the Basilian Fathers and the Staff at the School honoured the legendary Fr. Mulcahy C.S.B. as he celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Father Mulcahy was Assistant Principal of St. Mike's when it was located on Bay Street. The year was 1949. In 1952, he founded St. Charles College in Sudbury, and in 1956, St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie.

He has been at St. Mike's since 1967 where he has been an English teacher, a cafeteria supervisor, a Director of Meals on Foot, and a coach of such exotic sports as badminton, curling and archery.

In 1995, he was granted a degree of Doctor of Sacred Letters (honoris causa) by the University of St. Michael's College. Nowadays, Fr. Matt makes certain his confreres use correct grammar.

Honoured along with Fr. Matt was Fr. George Silvester C.S.B. whom some Alumni may remember as a former Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish.

PARENT'S GUILD/ ALUMNI BUILDING FUND DINNER DANCE

This year's Parent's Guild/ Alumni Dinner Dance was held on Saturday, March 2 at Montecassino Place. Almost four hundred people had the usual opportunities to eat well, dance up a storm and loosen some purse strings for a worthy cause. Proceeds were once again dedicated to the school's Building Fund Campaign.

Changes made in the last few years continue to enhance not only the viability of the dinner-dance concept as an important social and fundraising event, but also add considerably larger sums to the Building Fund Campaign. By the end of the evening, the Silent Auction collected approximately twenty thousand dollars. That made the entire Building Fund Dinner-Dance injection a healthy forty thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars more than last year. At the same time, the dance continues to give superb quality entertainment. At this rate, the Parent's Guild and Alumni organizing committees have good reason to think that the dance has a long way to go before it reaches its full potential. It will certainly be interesting getting there over the next few years.

All of this success, of course, would be impossible without the generosity of a good number of St. Michael's friends, parents and alumni. We will always be indebted to these people, and we once again thank them publicly for their support.

Montecassino Place once again pulled out all the stops. The excellent (and plentiful) cuisine, the charming decor, and the always generous staff have made the banquet hall a mainstay in the St. Michael's Dinner-Dance equation. We look forward to continuing this association.

Next year's dance will be held on Saturday, February 15, 1997 at Montecassino Place. It is never too early to make plans to attend. Join us in 1997 and become part of this special evening and make St. Michael's an even better place to be.

Vince Pagano

BACK ROW: L-R: Alice Murphy, Teresa DeCarvhlo, Anne Racco, Fr. Mohan
FRONT ROW: L-R: Elizabeth Mc Night, Patricia Mandzy

PLANNING YOUR WILL AND PLANNED GIVING

SMCS Alumni members have expressed interest in learning more about the planning of one's estate and what "planned giving" involves.

Your will is the legal mechanism for providing for your family and distributing your assets. Although you may know the people you wish to benefit, you may not be familiar with alternative methods of giving, such as outright bequests, life interests with or without powers to encroach, the creation of trust funds, discretionary powers in the trustees to split income or to encroach on capital, provisions for gifts over, and so on.

Your Executor administers the trusts set out in your will by arranging your burial and proving of your will, calling together your assets, satisfying the bequests in your will, arranging for the payment of your debts and legacies and distributing the residue of your estate to your beneficiaries.

Probate is the process whereby the court confirms a will to be valid. A "probate fee" is levied on all your assets which pass to beneficiaries by way of your will, as opposed to outside your will. Your principal residence can pass from one spouse to the other outside the will if it is jointly held with right of survivorship. Probate fees will apply when the surviving spouse dies. The proceeds of a life insurance policy are not subject to probate provided a beneficiary is designated to receive them outside the will.

If no will can be found or if your will fails to deal with a portion of your estate, the law stipulates who is entitled to share in the estate and in what proportion. The limitations imposed by law in the event of an intestacy compel one to seriously consider having a will.

The above are just a few typical concerns that are addressed in the planning of one's estate. The following deals with one specific aspect of estate planning, namely, planned giving.

As governments increasingly cut back their funding to charitable organizations, planned giving in the private sector is bound to increase. Presently, individual gift-giving taxpayers are eligible for a two-tiered tax credit of 17% of a gift up to $200 and 29% of gifts over that, to the extent of 50% of net income. The reduction in provincial tax from the federal credit results in an actual credit of approximately 27% of the gift on the first $200 and in the order of 50% on the excess. Depending on one's taxable income, it is possible to maximize one's total tax credit to approximately 53.2%. The 1996 Budget has raised the limit on gifts by individuals in the year of death and the preceding year to 100% of net income. Corporations may deduct charitable gifts from income to the extent of 20% of net income and charitable donations by corporations can be carried forward for five years.

When a taxpayer gives other property (e.g. securities) rather than cash, the taxpayer is generally deemed to have disposed of the property at its fair market value. However, when the gift is made to a registered charity, the taxpayer may select a transfer price for tax purposes between the adjusted cost base and fair market value of the property. Because of the interaction of the taxable capital gains and the credit/ deduction for the donation, careful planning is required when contemplating such gifts.

A fund raising practice which has grown over the last few years is to encourage donors to contribute capital to a registered charity in exchange for guaranteed payments to the donor for life based on the donor's life expectancy. The donor is taxed on the interest portion of the annuity payment. When the donor's payment to the registered charity for the annuity is more than the expected annuity payments, the excess amount qualifies for a donation receipt for tax purposes and the annuity payments are tax free to the donor.

Life insurance is a method of providing a future capital amount to a qualified charitable institution. If a new policy is taken out by the registered charity on the life of a donor, the registered charity will issue receipts for future policy premiums as they are paid.

A donor may give an existing life insurance policy to a registered charity such as St. Michael's , in exchange for a receipt for the cash surrender value of the policy, if any, less any outstanding policy loans, upon transfer of the ownership and beneficiary rights. The institution may also give receipts for future premiums as they are paid. When a taxpayer is considering transferring a whole life policy to a particular institution, a taxable gain will result if the cash value is greater than the policy's adjusted cost base. You should speak to your insurance company before transferring your policy.

An alternative to transferring ownership of your policy is to name the institution as a primary or contingent beneficiary of all or part of the life insurance proceeds. This way one retains access to the cash value and is able to change beneficiaries if family circumstances were to change.

Another method of planned giving involves the creation of a trust by the donor funded with cash, securities, or real estate whereby the donor makes an irrevocable gift of the remainder (or residual) interest to a registered charity and retains the income interest for the life of the donor and/or other beneficiaries or for a period of years. The donor receives a donation receipt for the present value of the remainder interest.

It is recommended that professional advice be sought before undertaking complex charitable donations.

Planned giving, in the ways mentioned above, and in other ways, is an excellent way to ensure that St. Michael's will provide the great standards of education to our children and grandchildren that it has offered students for the last 150 years.

The above article was prepared by Michael Waud, Barrister and Solicitor, Dennis Caponi Jr., of D.F. Caponi Insurance Agency Ltd., and Michael Duffy, President of The St. Michael's College School Building Fund. If you would like additional information on wills and estate planning, feel free to call Michael Waud at (416) 633-4301. If you would like to know how you can help to ensure the future of St. Michael's through planned giving, you may call Michael Waud, Dennis Caponi Jr. at (416) 486-1421 or Michael Duffy at (416) 440-1056.

Dennis Caponi Jr. specializes in a variety of insurance products and Michael Waud is a lawyer practicing estate planning and corporate law in Toronto. On Wednesday, November 6, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., they and Michael Duffy will host a seminar at St. Michael's on Wills, Estate Planning and how Planned Giving works.

If you are interested in attending this seminar, would you kindly complete the response form below and Fax (416-653-7704) or mail it to The St. Michael's College School Building Fund, 1515 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ontario M5P 3H4.

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St. Michael's has always been known for it's outstanding students and it's reputation extends across North America. Our graduates have consistently enjoyed success at institutions throughout Canada and the United States; this points to the superior preparation that we receive within these yellow bricks. Six members of this year's graduating class will be attending some of the top schools in the United States. Steve Bohan and Derek Holland, widely regarded as two of the finest junior athletes in Canada, have secured running scholarships to attend West Virginia and Boston College respectively. Meanwhile, Ben Howarth will pursue engineering studies at Purdue. Our grads will also be well represented in the Ivy League; Jason D'Cruz will head to Yale, Brad Schmidt to Cornell, and James Ko will attend Harvard. Furthermore, Peter Zavodny, a grade 12 student, has already been admitted to Princeton. Peter will defer his place until next year when he graduates. Congratulations to all: we wish you all the best of luck!

THE 1996-97 ST. MICHAEL'S BUZZERS

The St. Michael's Buzzers, under new head coach Mike Futa, embark on their second year in the Provincial Jr.A. with high hopes. Under a new school policy, which requires all players on the Buzzer squad to attend St. Michael's, Coach Futa has assembled a squad with much promise. To allow an orderly transition under the new regulations, a few players have been "grandfathered" from last year's team. Commencing next season, all players must attend St. Michael's.

The team will be led by returning captain, the team's leading scorer & MVP, Chris Aishford and goaltender David Cinelli. Also returning are solid second year players David Gallo, Peter Zavodny, Matt Reda , Scott Reiart, Kevin O'Flaherty, Chris Gallagher and Mike Hurst.

This will be a young squad. It will feature 15 year old Matt Bannan, 16 year old Conor O'Shea & Michael Glumac from Niagara Falls, Rob Davison from St. Catherine's and Lawrence Longo from Toronto.

Big things are expected from Nelson Avila, Mark Capizzano and Dan DiMauro who have moved over from the Metro Jr. League, and newcomers Pat Sills, Peter McCrae and Clarke Walford, the latter from the Newmarket 87's. Damon Whitten from the Detroit Freeze of the North American Hockey League, Rob Rose, a rugged defenceman from Newfoundland and rookie goaltender Anton Strgacic round out the team.

Joining Coach Futa, who played on championship teams at Henry Carr and York University as well as Germany & Denmark at the professional level, will be assistant coach Paul Capizzano (SMCS graduate and Buzzer Alumnus 1990-91) and assistant coach Jim Hulton who spent the last two years as an assistant with the Kingston Voyageurs. Rick Wilson, a former Buzzer, is back once again to coach the goaltenders.

The Buzzers play the majority of their home games on Sunday nights at 7:15 p.m.. Alumni are always welcome. Come out and support the Buzzers. It makes for a fun evening.

SOME FORMER BUZZERS TO WATCH FOR IN THE FUTURE.

Aaron Brand- played for the Buzzers in 1992-93. Drafted by the Newmarket Royals, Aaron had three great seasons in the O.H.L., the latter two with the Sarnia Sting. He finished off this past season by winning the Eddie Power Memorial Trophy awarded to the player in the O.H.L. with the highest number of scoring points at the end of the regular season. He also won the Leo Lalonde Memorial Trophy which is presented annually to the overage player of the year in the O.H.L. as selected by the League's coaches.

At the end of the past season, Aaron signed a contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs affiliate in St. John's Newfoundland.

Craig Mills ('95 SMCS Grad)- son of M.P. Dennis Mills, also played for the Buzzers in the 1992-93 season. He was drafted by the Belleville Bulls and had three great seasons with the Bulls, the latter two as Captain.

Drafted by the Winnipeg Jets in 1994, Craig saw action in several games this past season before returning to Belleville. At the end of the Bulls' season, he was once again called up by Winnipeg during the NHL playoffs.

At Christmas time, Craig played for the National Junior Team who went on to win the World Championships. Craig wore his Gold Medal proudly.

Craig capped off his junior career by winning the Canadian Hockey League's Karcher Humanitarian Award to the top Junior Hockey player in Canada for his community work throughout the season. Look forward to Craig's debut with the Chicago Blackhawks this Fall.

David Barozzino ('92 SMCS Grad)- played for the Buzzers in 1991-92. David received a scholarship to the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, he finished off his senior year this spring with his best season in four and in his last game, a playoff tilt, he scored a hat trick, the first of his career. David hopes to play professionally in the Fall.

Paul Capizzano ('91 SMCS Grad)- played for the Buzzers in 1991-92 and went on to a great career at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Penn. Paul returns to the Buzzers this year as an Assistant Coach.

Ashlin Halfnight- playyed for the Buzzers in 1992-93. A Hartford Whaler draft choice, Ashlin will be captain of the Harvard Crimson Tide this forthcoming season.

A unique situation this past year saw 2 Buzzer graduates share the goaltending chores with the Hartford Whalers, namely Sean Burke (SMCS 1981-85) and Jason Muzzatti (SMCS 1983-87).

THE SKATE FOR HEART/N.A.B.S. ST. MICHAEL'S FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, May 4, 1996, 20 hockey teams descended on St. Michael's Arena to play for charity.
Benefiting from this event were the Heart & Stroke Fund, the National Advertisers Benevolent Society and the St. Michael's Buzzers. Joining these teams were some 24 NHL players who devoted their time freely to help in this event. The likes of Paul Henderson, Rod Seiling, Dave Gardner, Paul Gillis, Wilf Paiment, Ron Lalonde and Mark Napier, to name several, made the day a great success.

The Highlight of the day was a game between the NHL Oldtimers and a team representing the various media in Toronto. St. Michael's own John Derringer (1980 SMCS Grad) participated and represented radio station 590- "The Fan". Hats off to Harold Perry and his Mandrake Management Consultants firm whose personnel helped to make it a memorable day.

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INTERACTIVE LEARNING IN THE MATH DEPARTMENT

This year I had the opportunity to teach one of my grade 12 classes Trigonometry using an interactive software package. The software package we used was developed by a research team at the University of Alberta to be used in teaching the Alberta grade eleven Math curriculum. This software took seven years to develop and perfect before it was put on the market and it is the best interactive software package for teaching math that I have seen. It covers the entire Alberta grade eleven math course, but only a portion of our grade 12 curriculum. Each topic begins with a tutorial that teaches the main concepts, followed by examples and each unit ends with a test in which the questions are randomly generated. Each of these sections is interactive with the students inputting answers as they go along. Students get immediate feedback on the correctness of their answers and the program will give a more detailed explanation of the solution to the problem when requested.

The students, for the most part, enjoyed the experience and thought that this type of learning certainly has advantages. The main one being that they were working independently and could work at their own pace and go over the work as often as needed. Others liked the immediate feedback, the detailed explanations given and the graphics that the computer could generate instantly. Some missed my excellent teaching that they had become accustomed to and others thought some sections were too wordy, but overall, the experience was a positive one. I donít think the computer can replace the teacher, however there are certain topics that lend themselves to being learned in this manner. There is some excellent software being developed and, for our students' sake, I think we should try to take advantage of it.

Mike Coghlan

MATH CONTEST NEWS FOR 1995-1996

Students in the Math Club have an opportunity to write eighteen thirty minute contests in three different Math Leagues throughout the year. This year, the club was lead by Vince Conte who had the outstanding achievement of writing perfect papers on all six Canadian National Math League contests. This placed him in an elite group of students. Vince also became the all time high scorer in the Math Club surpassing Dennis Chang of the Class of 92.

We had great success in the University of Waterloo Math Contests this year. In Grade 9, Patrick Roh was 14th in Canada out of 44,573 students. The Grade Nine team of Patrick, Justin Cheng and David Barreca was 18th in Canada. In Grade 10, Paul Scaini was 257th out of 35,808 students, while the team of Paul, Erik Olaveson and Thomas Zochowski ranked in the 95th percentile in Canada. In Grade 11, Aaron Lee was 325th in Canada out of 29,196 students and the team including Aaron, Adam Mascherin and Steven Conte placed in the 91st percentile in Canada. In Grade 12, Borys Bradel and Douglas Chau placed 380th in Canada and they teamed up with Stephen Choi to rank the school team in the 91st percentile in Canada. In Grade 13, Vince Conte placed 315th in Canada and the school team of Vince, Marc Berndl and Wojciech Nowak ranked in the 89th percentile in Canada.

We had six students, Marc Berndl, Joseph Brean, Anthony DiBattista, Paul Piroli, Kevin Simon and Bradley Schmidt who scored over 100 on the American Mathematics Examination. Marc and Joe made the North American Honour Role finishing in the top 1% in North America. All six were invited to write the three hour American Invitational Contest and Anthony DiBattista was outstanding answering 5 of the questions correctly.

COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWS

SMC's Computer Science Club took part in two major contests this year and was quite successful. Both a senior and intermediate team were entered into the American Computer Science League (ACSL)- of which the intermediate team ranked in the top 15, qualifying them for the All Star Competition held in Maryland, USA. Representing SMC in Maryland were Kevin Simon, Graeme Ruthven and Tom Sapiano. The majority of the competition was against students from "gifted" programs and specialty "magnet" schools whose computer experience far surpasses the curriculum offered at SMC. The St. Michael's team did not fare as well in this elite group. However, the international exposure and experience gained by SMC during its first-ever All Star Competition will certainly be a beneficial factor for greater success in the future. Next year's invitational will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This year's strongest competitor in the Computer Club was Borys Bradel from the Senior team. Borys also achieved the highest score during the Waterloo Computer Science Exam which is directly associated in selecting the Canadian team for the annual International Olympiad in Informatics that was held in Hungary during the summer. Borys placed 21st out of 700 computer students across Canada. Unfortunately, only the top 19 were invited to the next stage of competition.

ST. MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY 1961-1996

Every Autumn since 1961, as St. Michael's students anticipate the return to school, that concern is ameliorated for some because the Fall brings with it Cross Country season. No doubt many students and a few teachers probably feel that this is a pursuit only for the spartan, the idiot or someone who cannot skate. Why else would anyone run, let alone race, long distances over hill and dale in all kinds of weather without coercion. The uninitiated still refer to the sport as "Track" but not too many shot-putters have been seen leading the pack.

In the early 1960's, only a few brave souls in their baggy cotton blue sweat suits and no-name running shoes appear in the team picture in the yearbook. In the 1995-96 season, over seventy student athletes in high tech running shoes, wearing exotic running gear, while checking their heart monitors, competed for St. Michael's in this co-ed sport. In the early years, most team members required considerable persuasion to venture out into neighbouring Forest Hill for fear of not being able to complete the run. The main task of today's coaching staff is to ensure that the top runners do not overtrain. Even some Niners find the Moore Park Ravine eight-miler to be common-place. Team veterans understand the subtle distinctions of lactate threshold training versus aerobic capacity workouts. For better or worse, the team core trains year round including summer months.

In the 1960's, the team lived in the shadow of the highly successful Michael Power teams, coached by the legendary Father John Redmond CSB. The St. Michael's team, coached by Fathers Neil Hibberd and Bob Holmes, established the solid groundwork for later success and achieved a number of T.D.C.A.A. age division titles led by such early stars as Eugene McEleney and Paul Morrison.

In the late 1960's, inspired by two team members, John McCarthy and Geza Baranyi, the concept of a more full time commitment to distance running appeared resulting in the squadís first T.D.C.A.A. overall title in 1972. Father Hibberdís junior age team in that year was led by St. Michael's first two provincial level distance running superstars, Paul Spence and Alan Baigent.

In the mid 1970's, the Blue Harriers won a number of league age group titles and the 1976 overall championship. In this era, Phil Buckley, Richard Gaughan, and Paul Farrugia assisted by such names as Lawrence Flynn, Greg McKernan, Ben DiAndrea and David Broadhurst made SMC a contender on the provincial scene.

During the 1978 season, Pat Monahan "saw the light" and made the switch to coaching distance runners. Team workouts have not been the same since. Pat has also established himself as one of the top mastersí age group runners in the nation.

In the 1979 season, the Blue Harriers, led by Bill Spence, began their current streak of seventeen consecutive T.D.C.A.A. overall titles. In the following years Mark Bayley, Joe Flynn, Brendan O'Halloran and Agy Marmelo helped to continue the trend of excellence.

1981 was a watershed date for the team as the junior team of Thady Blundell, Richard Strazds, John Bolan and Edward Roddy won the Blue Harrierís first ever O.F.S.A.A. Championship. In 1984, in what may have been the best ever SMC team, Michael McGowan, Peter Fonseca, Tim Phelan, Joe Carreira and Robert Cattana won the provincial senior title.

In the late 1980's, names like Sallese, DiGasbarro, D'Amico and Wasik helped the team continue its domination of the league. Danny Grossi, Frank Wolf, Jim Rego, Jose Rodriguez and Adrian Armanini combined to win three O.F.S.A.A. Championships. The same period saw another addition to the coaching staff as ex-nationally ranked decathlete, Frank Bergin, decided there was more to life than throwing the discus. Erin Hogan, formerly a coach at Neil McNeil, joined the coaching staff in 1989.

From 1988-91, the team won four O.F.S.A.A. titles due to the dedication of Peter and Tom McConnon, John Wassenaar, Michael and Chris Fortier, Brad Young and Alex Vernon.

The nineties have not resulted in any ebbing of the Blue Harrier tide. Paolo Frescura, Mike Rodriguez, Bill Cody, Mario Iozzo, Mike Harley, Paul McConnon, Paul Marcinkowski, John LoFranco and Marc Moore were responsible for a number of provincial silver medalist teams. In 1993, Elizabeth McDougall joined the coaching ranks to provide some much needed organizational expertise not to mention personal training regimen designed to make most of the team members feel guilty.

The most recent version of the Blue Harriers had a creditable season. The midgets won the teamís eleventh O.F.S.A.A. title, making the Blue Harriers the winningest boys' team in the forty year history of O.F.S.A.A. Cross Country. The Juniors and Seniors led by Derek Holland, Steve Bohan, Sam Dorri and Mark Striowski, both captured silvers at the provincial level. This represented the twenty-sixth time the Blue Harriers have medalled at O.F.S.A.A. in the last fifteen years. Steve Bohan, by virtue of a third place finish at the national junior level, represented Canada at the World Championships in South Africa.

Part of the success of the team can be measured by how many graduates have continued to run. Some have gone on to outstanding collegiate careers including Al Baigent, Paul Spence, Mark Bayley, Peter McConnon, John Wassenaar, Tim Phelan, Mario Iozzo, Mike Fortier and Brad Young. Those men, and others such as Frank Ciccolini, Rob. Cattana, Agy Marmelo and Peter Boross, continue to duel Pat Monahan on the road racing circuit. Two Alumni are presently major figures on the Canadian distance running scene. Michael McGowan has represented Canada internationally in Cross Country and was the recent winner of the Detroit Marathon. Canadaís Number one ranked marathoner in 1996 is University of Oregon graduate Peter Fonseca who represented Canada this past summer in Atlanta.

THE BLUE STRIKERS

Over the last few years, the volleyball programme at St. Michaelís College School, has become revitalized. Under the watchful eye of Mr. Enzo Vitullo, the volleyball coordinator, the three teams have again become serious championship contenders for the TDCAA crown.

The nineties have already seen two back-to-back Junior crowns, with the Seniors on the verge of recapturing the championship title won frequently by Mr. Pagano in the eighties.

On a more current note, the Senior team finished third overall and lost in the semifinals. The Bantams were also quite successful, having an undefeated regular season with their only loss coming in the finals. The Juniors, on the other hand, have successfully defended their crown and along the way they also captured three golds and one silver in tournament play.

CALLING ALL CLASSES OF 1946, '47 AND '48
ANOTHER 50-YEAR REUNION IS IN THE WORKS

The last two reunions were smashing successes and now another golden grad is planned for the classes of 1946, '47 and '48. Target date for the new event is October of 1997 but's it's never to early to get started.

We already have contact people: Jim O'Brien, (46) and Ken Bourrie, (48). If you'd like to join in the fun of planning the party, please call them. Jim O'Brien at 905-881-2296; adress, 95 Inverlochy Blvd., #9, Thornhill, Ont., L3T 3R5; and Ken Bourrie at 905-889-7548; address, 42 Donalbain Cres., Thornhill, Ont., L3T 3S2.

The last reunion in October of 1994 had 164 in attendance. There was a reception and a dinner in the school cafeteria on the Friday night and on the Saturday morning, Mass in the chapel followed by a champagne breakfast and a talk about the future of St. Michael's by the principal, Father Tom Mohan. We didn't restrict it to graduates. Anyone who attended St. Mike's, then on Clover Hill, during the named years was welcome. Everyone who attended raved about it. Even with the two-day event, there didn't seem to be enough time to get around and shake hands with all who were such good friends half a century ago.

Your alumni is planning to hold these golden anniversary events triannually with the middle year being the year of the event. All that's needed is a good, 10-man committee meeting once a month. Plus, the committee will have the benefit of the experience of Hub Teolis, who helped plan the first golden reunion. Please let Jim and Ken know you'd like to help.

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"ALUMNI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 1997"

The Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in the School Library on Wednesday, January 15th, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. Election of the new Executive will take place at this time. Plans for upcoming Alumni events will be announced and an update on events at St. Michael's will be reviewed. This is your Association, why not come out and be part of the decision making process. Plan to attend and bring along a fellow alumnus or two.

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THE LEGENDS OF HOCKEY

BY MICHAEL BOLAND

There was no mistaking the huge, broad smile, the flexed muscles, the confident walk of the "Golden Jet" as he entered the upper lounge of St. Mike's arena housing the "Wall of Fame." After briefly shaking hands with our film crew, he immediately set a course for the "Wall."

"Have a look at these young bucks!" was his exclamation as he went from picture to picture (146 and counting). He came to a stop in front of Ron Murphy. "I didn't know he went here. Geez he was great--and a great guy too!" For a moment I honestly felt that deep inside he wished that he were on the wall, that he had attended our school, had joined and thereby participated in the experience known as St. Michael's.

Bobby Hull, as well as more than fifty other hockey legends, have just participated in a five hour film series entitled "The Legends of Hockey," produced and directed by Derik Murray of Opus Productions (Vancouver) to be seen on TSN in November 1996. The series chronicles the game from the turn of the century up until the mid-1980's.

Thanks to the generosity of Fr. Mohan, St. Michael's provided a backdrop for a good portion of the interviewing. The band hall above the arena will soon become the offices of the St. Mike's Majors, so how appropriate that before its metamorphisis, such players as Hull, Milt Schmidt, Woody Dumart, Johnny Bower, Red Horner, Ted Lindsay, Red Kelly, Vladislav Tretiak (he knows quite a bit about St. Mike's) and others graced the arena.

I marvelled as Milt told the story of he, Woody, and Bobby Bauer (Boston's Kraut line) joining the R.C.A.F. for the war years after finishing one-two-three in the N.H.L. scoring. Ted Lindsay recalled his hatred of losing and Red Kelly modestly highlighted his illustrious 20-year career.

Someone once asked me, if I had one wish to be granted by a genie in a bottle what would it be? I answered that I'd like to have a time machine similar to the one H.G. Wells imagined. Well of course that's impossible, BUT this experience of filming hockey's greats is as close as it comes. The anecdotes will remain forever dear to me, and many of them were recounted right here at school. Maybe H.G. Wells should have gone to St. Mike's.

THE VISION OF FATHER BAUER

Father Bauer was a Canadian Hockey legend. He was instumental in developing the hockey program at St. Michael's. While at St. Michael's, he led the team to the 1960/61 Memorial Cup. Memorial Cup is one of the oldest, most prestigious championships in North America - founded in 1919. He was described as an inspirational coach, a caring educator, a master motivator, a dreamer. His name is synonomous with good education and good hockey. He was devoted to the concept that education and hockey could mix. He viewed hockey as a means to an end to develop a better person. He believed it was vital for athletes to improve their life skills not just concentrate on sports skills. He believed building men came before building hockey players.

Father Bauer said: "We try to give our players a well rounded education not merely ice skills but mental and moral conditioning as well...we can't help but be better off in the long run" "We don't want one dimensional people coming out of hockey"

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